

RARE WASHINGTON RELIC.

Only One Known to Exist of Six Medallions Made for Lafayette.

Mrs. F. Luis Mora of New York city, owns a Washington relic which so far as is known, is the only one of its kind in existence. It is one of the six medallions which were made to order for General Lafayette.

Before Lafayette took leave of the officers of his staff, says the Circle, he had these medallions made in Paris, and presented them to the six officers immediately under him. The five others have disappeared and may have been destroyed. The one in Mrs. Mora's possession is made of cut glass bound by a heavy brim of solid gold, to which is attached a gold ring by which it may be suspended. Between the two layers of glass is a beautifully modelled head of Washington in plaster, silvered.

On the reverse is the inscription "Desprez, Rue des Recolets No. 2, a Paris Washington." Note the omission of the letter "h" in Washington. The medallion came into Mrs. Mora's possession through her great grandfather, Lewis Compton, to whom it was presented soon after the Revolutionary war.

Promoting Smallpox Infection.

From the fact that smallpox which is very prevalent in the Philippines at certain seasons disappears when the rains set in, it has been argued that the germs are carried in the air. An additional circumstance which has the same apparent significance is reported from London. Hospital ships, to which smallpox patients are transferred, are anchored in the Thames below the city. It has been noticed that new cases break out more frequently on the shore to which the wind blows than on the other side.

Woman Who Gambles.

Moralists say that the emotion of gaming makes women ugly. It is not necessary to take the word of the moralists for that. Gaming does not make women ugly, it unmasks them, and it is of that that they must be warned. It is natural enough, since they play passionately, and in playing they forget the world and their faces. So much the worse for those who do as Jezebel. Jean Lorrain has left terrible pictures of old painted faces, the natural condition of which is revealed by the excitement of play.

The Postage Stamp Province.

Manitoba, which has long been dubbed the "Postage Stamp Province," will soon be in a position to lose her nickname. According to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement in the Dominion House of Commons, Manitoba, which has hitherto been hemmed in on every side and has, at least on the map, appeared to deserve the nickname she has borne, is at last to be allowed to expand and actually to reach the seaboard.

The Sense of Duty

A sense of duty pursues us ever. It is omnipresent like the Deity. If we take to ourselves wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, duty performed or duly violated, is still with us, for our happiness or our misery. If we say the darkness shall cover us in the darkness as in the light our obligations are with us yet.—Daniel Webster.

Paragon-Making Golf.

Golf cannot be played really well, unless the temper is schooled to such a degree that misfortune, accident and a general run of defensive play never lead to passion overflowing the limits of a decorous and restrained equanimity.

Natal's Mileage.

The total mileage operated by the Natal Government railways, the end of the year 1907 was 1,064 1/2 miles, of which 88 1/2 were worked on behalf of the Central South African Railway Administration under agreement.

On Intimate Terms.

Two Chicago girls, graduates of Smith College, are making money by keeping a boarding house for American girls in Florence, and are getting so familiar with the Italian city that they can almost call it Flossie.

Why Men Refuse to Teach.

The teacher may have a personality that commands respect in spite of his calling, but outside of his especial work he is regarded by business men slightly, as an imprudent visionary.

Gasoline and Dust.

"I had to sell my auto, but I haven't missed it yet."
"How's that?"
"You can get most of the sensations by cleaning rugs."

Man's Delicacy.

A man who is rough and awkward at everything else will show a delicacy and skill greater than any woman when he has to patch a \$10 bill.

Speak of Aeronauts.

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Gypsies and Animals.

The gypsies are nearer to the animals than any race known to us in Europe. They have the lawlessness and abandonment, the natural physical grace in form and gesture of animals; only a stealthy and something wary in their eyes makes them human.—Arthur Symonds.

Pharaoh's Mummy.

Pharaoh's mummy has been discovered and unfolded, and the eyes of the readers of these pages can rest on the very features on which the eyes of Moses looked 3,000 years and more ago.

Youth the Time to Build Wisely.

Youth is the best time for the building of character and the forming of principle, and the future depends on the decisions and actions of the present.—Rev. G. Denton.

Showing Folly of Anger.

A wise man has well reminded us that in any controversy the instant we feel anger we have already ceased striving for the truth, and have begun striving for ourselves.—Carlyle.

Deaths Among Miners.

According to statistics quoted by Congressman Cooper, the fatalities in Pennsylvania's mines rose from 611 in 1898 to 1,514 in 1908.

Long, Weary Day.

In shortening the hours of labor, no one tries to shorten the hours for women in the household.

A Natural Inference.

"Pop," anxiously inquired the doctor's inquisitive little boy, "is a jumping toothache a muscular pain?" —Baltimore American.

Food as Church Tithes.

Bernaldo in his Calendar says that in medieval times there was much more food than money given for church tithes.



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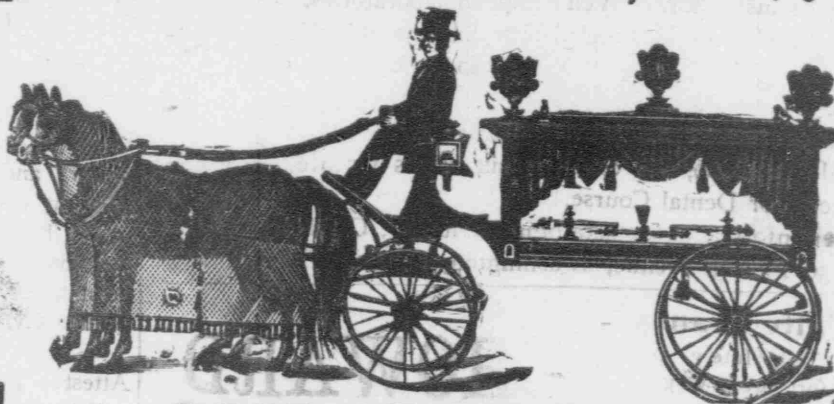
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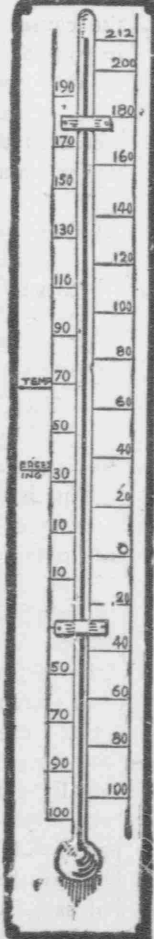
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